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Confirmation No. : 4014

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal

Filed : August 31, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: 501082.03

Art Unit : 2815

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Jesse A. Fenty

Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A
CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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is aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicant believes that his invention is patentable.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,963,826	10/05/99	Takanabe et al.	438	622	
	AB	6,010,931	01/04/00	Sun et al.	438	240	
	AC	6,114,200	09/05/00	Yew et al.	438	253	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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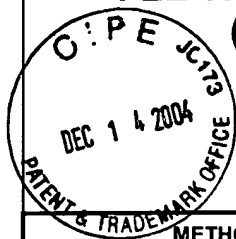
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1002	350	2002	170	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee
1003	550	2003	265	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Filing Fee
1004	790	2004	385	<input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
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1202	50	2202	25	Claims in excess of 20
1203	360	2203	180	Multiple dependent Claim
1204	200	2204	100	Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	50	2205	25	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	\$
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1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month	\$
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1403	1000	2403	500	Request for oral hearing	\$
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1452	500	2452	250	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
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